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1. SUMMARY. DURING HIS SIX-DAY VISIT TO POLAND AS THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE POZNAN FAIR, CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI WAS WARMLY RECEIVED BY POLISY OFFICIALDOM, INCLUDING FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK, DEPUTY PREMIER OLSZEWSKI, AND FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI. UDRING A SCHEDULED SIGHTSEEING TRIP TO GNIEZNO, HE WAS UNEXPECTEDLY ABLE TO CALL ON CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI, WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED FOR ONE OF HIS MONTHLY PERIODS OF RESIDENCE. OPENING CEREMONIES AT THE FAIR, TOGETHER WITH SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HOSTED BY POLISH AND US SIDES, PROVIDED OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI TO MEET OFFICIALS OF THE OLISH GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE LEADERS, SEJM MEMBERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF US COMPANIES. THE CONGRESSMAN TOLD HIS POLISH HOSTS THAT, IN HIS OPINION, POLAND STANDS HIGHER IN US PUBLIC AND CONGRESSKONAL OPINION THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II AND THAT HE SEES NO JMAJOR OBSTACLE TO GROWING US-POLISH TRADE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE POZNAN INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL FAIR AND A POLISH-
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AMERICAN CONGRESSMAN VISITING POLAND AGAIN AFTER A

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LAPSE OF 13 YEARS, CONGRESSMAN EDWARD J. DERWINSKI WAS WELCOMED WARMLY BY THE GOP AND PROVIDED WITH A FULL, HIGH-LEVEL PROGRAM. THE CONGRESSMAN WAS ACCOMPANIED ON ALL KEY CALLS BY HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE STAFF CHIEF MARIAN CZARNECKI.

3. CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI BRIEFLY MET GIEREK, JAROSZEWICZ, SZYDLAK, JAGIELSKI, OLSZEWSKI, AND OTHERS DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE US PAVILION AT THE POZNAN FAIR ON JUNE 9. WHEN THE ANTICIPATED PRIVATE SESSION WITH GIEREK AT THE PAVILION DID NOT TAKE PLACE BECAUSE THE FIRST SECRETARY WAS SAID TO BE RUNNING LATE IN HIS TOUR OF THE FAIR, A MEETING WITH GIEREK WAS ARRAGNED, ON THE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST, FOR THE MORNING OF JUNE 12 IN WARSAW (REPORTED SEPARATELY). THE POLISH PRESS JUNE 13 FRONT-PAGED AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE FIRST SECRETARY HAD MET WITH THE CONGRESSMAN, "WHO CAME TOPOLAND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL FAIR IN POZNAN AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES." THE NEWS ITEM CONTINUES/" EDWARD J. DERWINSKI CONVEYED TO EDWARD GIEREK THE PERSONAL GREETINGS OF PRESIDENT NIXON. THE SUBJECT OF THE DISCUSSION, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN A FIREIDLY ATOSPHERE, WAS THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT OF POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THEIR FURTHER PROSPECTS."

4. DURING THE CONGRESSMAN'S VISIT TO THE CATHEDRAL AT GNIEZNO ON JUNE 11, HE MET NOT ONLY WITH BISHOP BERNACKI, AS EXPECTED, BUT WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY THE PRIMATE OF POLAND, CARDINAL STEFAN WYSZYNSKI, WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED FROM WARSAW. THE CARDINAL GAVE THE CONGRESSMAN A GZIEZNO CATHEDRAL MILLENIUM MEDAL, WHICH HE ASKED BE PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT NIXON WITH HIS WARM GREETINGS. THE CONGRESSMAN UNDERTOOK TO GIVE THE MEDAL TO THE PRESIDENT AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY. THE CARDINAL RECALLED WITH DEEP APPREACIATION THE 1972 VISIT OF CARDINAL KROL TO POLAND. HE SAID HE HAD DECIDED THAT HE COULD NOT VISIT THE UNITED STATES, SINCE HIS WORK REQUIRED THAT HE REMAIN IN POLAND.

5. ADDITIONALLY, CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI CALLED ON, OR
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WAS HOSTED AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, BY THE FOLLOWING POLISH OFFICIALS DURING HIS JUNE 7-12 VISIT;

--VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WIESLAW ADAMSKI;

--MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STEFAN OLSZOWSKI
(REPORTED SEPARATELY BY MEMCON);

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--SEJM FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
PIOTR STEFANSKI;

-- DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY KAZIMIERZ OLSZEWSKI;
-- PRESIDENT OF POLISH CHAMBER OF FOREIGN TRADE WLODZIMIERZ WISNIEWSKI;
--. MAYOR OF POZNAN STANISLAW COZAS;
-- VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY STANISLAW DLUGOSZ;
-- SEJM FOREIGM AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WINCENTY KRASKO. (REPORTEDLY SEPARATELY BY MEMCON -- THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY A DELEGATION OF SEJM DEPUTIES, ALTHOUGH, AT ONE POINT IN THE CONVERSATION, WHICH CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF PLEASANTRIES, KRASKO SAID THAT HE MIGHT MAKE A VISIT BEFORE OCTOBER.)

6. HIGHLISHTS OF DERWINSKI'S DISCUSSIONS ON U.S.-POLISH TRADE RELATIONS FOLLOW.

7. IN THE MEETING AT POZNAN ON JUNE 11 WITH DEPUTY PREMIER OLSZEWSKI, IN WHICH DLUGOSZ, JAN CHOWANIEC OF THE MFA, AND OTHERS TOOK PART, OLSZEWSKI SAID THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON IN 1972 HAD BEGUN NEW EPOCH IN U.S.-POLISH TRADE RELATIONS. OWING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF GOOD TRADING CONDITIONS, ESPECIALLY EXPORT-IMPORT BANK CREDITS, BILATERAL TRADE HAD INCREASED VERY RAPIDLY AND THE PER-SPECTIVE FOR THE FUTURE LOOKS VERY OPTIMISTIC. OLSZEWSKI SAID THEY BELIEVE IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE PURCHASES THIS YEAR FROM THE U.S. WOULD INCREASE BY AS MUCH AS $200 MILLION OVER 1973, WHILE THEY EXPECT EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WOULD
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INCREASE BY ABOUT $50 MILLION. HE NOTED THE ENERGY TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING MITREGA VISIT AS AN INDICATION OF OTHER FRUITFUL AREAS IN WHICH BILATERAL COOPERATION AND TRADE COULD EXPAND.

8. CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI TOLD OLSZEWSKI, AND LATER REPEATED TO CHAMBER PRESIDENT WISNIEWSKI, THAT HE BELIEVED THERE WAS NO MAJOR OBSTACLE TO FURTHER GROWTH IN U.S.-POLISH TRADE AND THAT THE ATTITUDE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS NOW TOWARD POLAND WAS AS POSITIVE AS IT HAD EVER BEEN SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II.. IF LEGAL PROBLEMS AROSE FROM TIME TO TIME WHICH MIGHT AFFECT TRADE WITH POLAND, THEY WERE ONLY ACCIDENTAL RESULTS OF ACTIONS DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH THE USSR OR WITH OTHER PROBLEMS. CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI SAID THAT HE SAW NO REASON WHY

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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE RESPONSIVE TO POLAND'S NEEDS, SUCH AS CREDITS, AND THAT THE U.S. REALIZES THAT POLAND MUST ALSO INCREASE ITS EXPORTS TO OUR MARKET. (ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, HE NOTED POLAND'S INTEREST IN EXPORTING SUGAR TO THE U.S. AND SAID THAT IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD RETAIN SOME FORM OF IMPORT-QUOTA SYSTEM.) THE CONGRESSMAN SAID THAT, IF SECRETARY GIEREK SHOULD VISIT THE U.S., HE FLT THE POLES COULD LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER SPURT IN U.S.-POLISH TRADE SUCH AS THAT WHICH HAD OCCURRED FOLLOWING PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO POLAND.

9. CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO A GENERAL SUGGESTION OF COOPERATION IN FIELD OF COAL GASIFICATION, POINTING OUT THAT ILLINOIS NOW PROBABLY HAS THE LARGEST RESEARCH EFFORT UNDERWAY IN THE U.S. ON COAL TRANSFORMATION. IN THE MEETING WITH OLSZEWSKI AND LATER IN THE WITH WISNIEWSKI, THE CONGRESSMAN ALSO URGED THE POLES TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH STATE AND LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND OTHER TRADE-PROMOTION BODIES IN THE U.S. BELOW THE FEDERAL LEVEL, WHICH, HE SAID, COULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN EXPANDING TWO-WAY TRADE.
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